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Fire Commissioner Waldo's Announcement That He Will Prevent Boxing Shows in Clubs Not Complying With Fire Regulations a Good Move.

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FIRE COMMISSIONER WALDO announced today that he will prevent the holding of boxing shows in clubs that do not comply with the fire regulations.

This is not to be taken for an attack upon boxing. It is merely a move to protect the patrons of the sport just as the patrons of the music halls and other places of public entertainment are protected. The commissioner is doing exactly the right thing and the managers of those clubs that show respect for the law and the fire regulations will be first to approve of his action.

Many of the clubs in this city have been so full to make their halls safe. When they do the same every patron of boxing will have a right of relief. It is hard for a real enthusiast to stay away from a good scrap, but the sensation of a fire in the middle of a crowded hall, knowing that the exits are not big enough, let the crowd out in a hurry—and knowing that every one in the place is in a fact—let the pleasant in the world. Also was especially the in a recent instance where there was an alarm of fire, and it had been rumored all through the house that the fire was in the hall, to keep the crowd outside from breaking in.

Sure-enforce the fire regulations. Even a fight fan will approve of that.

BISHOP COFFMAN of Maine, before the Episcopal Conference at Portland, said: "I was a nation would be degenerate, would be effeminate, morally, physically. War is a training in courage, in self-discipline, in contempt for the selfish vices that destroy strength."

Possibly the Bishop doesn't know it, but he has been arguing as much for the game of boxing as for war—and even more. Boxing is a training in warfare without the murdering and maiming and widowing and orphaning that go to make real war. As far as the benefits to the nation are concerned, boxing has them all. No successful boxer can be "effeminate" or "morally weak." There is no greater training in "moral courage, self-discipline and contempt for selfish vices" than boxing, for every boxer knows he must be physically perfect to succeed. It takes "moral courage and self-discipline" to stick to all that goes with training and keep in condition, and to maintain the "contempt" for the selfish vices that destroy national strength. All successful boxers must have that moral strength or their fall is rapid. Boxers know this. So the game encourages clean living and all that goes with it.

Years ago, in the time of John L. Sullivan, for instance, a different idea may have prevailed. But we have all learned from the example of those who threw away the best that was in them. Today the popular fighting man isn't the fellow who buys the most wine and acts the riotous fool most successfully. You never see Packey McFarland, Tommy Murphy, E. J. Brown, Abe Attell, Frankie Burns, Leo Houck, Cyclone Johnson, Thompson or any one of a hundred more I could name offhand leaning up against a bar. These are successful fighters—and their training is "effeminate" about any of them.

THE Rev. Dr. Gibson, an English curate, who is interested in boxing, has been quoted in the English papers as follows: "I think boxing is splendid. It has a wonderful effect on a lad, both physically and morally. It teaches him to endure hardship without flinching and to keep his wind and temper. When a boxer is in a temper, he's done. The real boxer is a man of great self-control, courteous in speech and retreating in manner, and he's the last man in the world to make a disturbance. He replies to hot words, not by taking off his coat, but by quietly saying: 'Don't be foolish. I'm a boxer, and it wouldn't be fair for me to hit.' Boxing, properly supervised and understood, instead of being a degrading pastime, is a means of civilization."

Of course there are exceptions to all rules, but any one who has made a study of the "manly" will agree with this English curate. The thing that causes many flat fights is the natural desire to prove superiority. It is very rarely that professional boxers are dragged into a row. They realize their superiority without feeling it, and do not care to take advantage of their skill. Yet in a real case of necessity, when one is forced to fight in self-defense—there is nothing more satisfactory than to know that you have a trained eye and a trained fist to do the work with.

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WILL RACING COME BACK?

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"If Matty Can't Stop 'Em, Who Can?" Is Question Puzzling to Local Fans

Giants Must Get Busy This Month or They'll Be Out of Race.

BY BOZEMAN BULGER.

AS we scratch our heads in perplexity this morning the question arises: If Matty can't stop them from denting the cork center, who can? Decision reserved. It begins to look as if this is to be an open season for pennant winners, and that any one of five teams has a chance. The old triumvirate of Giants, Cubs and Pirates is about to suffer the same form of dissolution that hit the Standard Oil Company. A beam has ripped somewhere and the naughty members of the Big Three now and it just as hard fighting to trim the Phillies, Reds and Cardinals as to tear at each other.

May is said to be the deciding month of a baseball campaign, and the loss of some one is liable to close the trapdoor and keep them penned up all summer.

Fortunately the Cubs took a slice out of the Phillies, thereby bringing the leading candidates into a closer bunch. There is little nourishment in that for the Giants, however. It brings the Phillies down a peg, but puts the Cubs closer to us. In the meantime, Pittsburgh is running away with the bacon. The Giants must win the next three games in succession to tie the Pirates for second place. Do you get that?

What was the matter with the Giants, did you ask? Well, when a club comes along and makes a dozen soups while we are cracking out four, it is not difficult to arrive at a logical conclusion. Matty had everything that he always had, but the Pirates had a little bit more.

History points to few instances where Matty has had to retire from the box under fire and turn the responsibility over to Hube Marquard. And maybe you think the Ruben wasn't there. All he did was to step on the mound and strike out three Pirate batters in a row. That he backed out and allowed Crandall to strike out for him.

English Polo Team Wins Easily From Cooperstown

Edwards Makes Nine of Fourteen Goals Scored by the Winning Side.

BY displaying marvelous skill in their practice game with the Cooperstown team, the English poloists succeeded in winning in handy fashion on the field of the Rockaway Hunting Club at Cedarhurst, L. I., by a score of 14 goals to 5. The backhand strokes of the Englishmen were executed in such a brilliant manner that the large crowd of spectators loudly applauded them. A Noel Edwards did excellent playing for his team, making nine goals of the fourteen which his side secured. In the fourth period Edwards scored a goal every other minute.

On last Thursday the two track men will go to Albany and fight for a modification of the law making directors liable for betting on their grounds, and also for making them liable for a hearing before the Senate Civil Service Commission.

Dartmouth is now regarded as the winner of the twenty-fifth annual game of the New England Intercollegiate Association, the prize of which will take place today at Springfield, Mass., and tomorrow at New Haven, Conn. The two other colleges will be represented at the meeting.

William F. Gordon, graduate treasurer of the Harvard A. C., has settled once and for all.

Matty Guilty of His First Long Kick at Umpire's Decision.

For the first time in his career Mathewson was guilty yesterday of a prolonged protest at one of Johnston's decisions. In the sixth inning Miller singled and went to second as Hunter, who bunted, was being touched out by Meyers. Everybody thought it a foul and Miller was starting back to first when Meyers made a throw to second to nail him. The ball went to the outfield. Leach yelled for Miller to go on to third as nobody was covering the bag and he started. Snodgrass then pegged at the vacant spot and the ball rolled into the Pirate bench. Umpire Johnston ruled that Miller was entitled to score as the ball had been blocked. Matty argued the point with him at length while the fans were in a hubbub of uncertainty as to what had really happened. Matty was right in his argument, but it didn't go.

Britt Back Full of Fight And With \$25,000 Offer To Champion Johnson

Jimmy Also Has English Accent Acquired During Three Years Abroad.

Jimmy Britt, the former lightweight boxer, arrived this morning on the Mauritania. He has been away for more than three years promoting fights in Europe in partnership with Hugh Macintosh, the Australian manager. Like him he is secretary of the National Sporting Club in London.

Britt had been contemplating a trip home for some time, but his departure was hurried by word that his sister, who has been ill of consumption in San Francisco, could live but a little while longer. According to despatches, she died while he was at sea, but Britt had not heard this when he landed and he said he might tarry in New York for a couple of days to see Jack Johnson and offer him \$25,000 and an expense to fight the winner of the McVey-Langford mill which he and Macintosh expect to handle at Paris in September.

Maloney Forces Fighting and Wins Over Langdon

Philadelphia Boxer in Bad Way When Gong Clangs at End of Tenth Round.

BY JOHN POLLOCK.

TOMMY MALONEY, the west side lightweight, sprang a great surprise by defeating Tommy Langdon, one of the best fighters in Philadelphia, in a ten-round bout at the Twentieth Century A. C. stage. Maloney won out by continually forcing the fighting and getting home the hardest kind of wallop to Langdon's stomach, face and jaw.

For the first five rounds Langdon showed up in fine form, using a straight left-hand jab and hook to Maloney's face and several stiff rights to his body and jaw, which more than once shook him up badly. After that Langdon began to show signs of weakening and Maloney immediately started in to swing heavy lefts into his mid-section, which took the steam out of him.

Hemphill's Generalship Wins Game for Hilltops

(Special to The Evening World.)

CHARLEY HEMPHILL, not Frank Laporte, Jimmy Austin or Roy Hartzell, was the interesting character in yesterday's game at Sportsman's Park, the first one between the armies of Chase and Wallace since Magnates Farrell and Hedgie pulled their dead last week.

As the Browns had won four straight games from the Nationals, after dropping twenty of their first twenty-five battles, the bugs turned out in goodly numbers for a week-day in order to witness the result of the Laporte-Austin-Hartzell deal last week.

To begin with, Austin went hitless, so did Laporte. Laporte also turned an error. Hartzell's field performance was more too accurate, but Roy was there with a clean single to center that scored Weller with the Highlanders' first run. Hemphill deserves to be the hero of this story, so here goes for Charley.

To begin with, New York also got him from St. Louis. In Chase's absence he is running the team and with Knight leading the first leg up to the handle, it is only fair to state that Prince Neal was not missed. Hemphill ran the game with a master's hand, and the New Yorkers have him to thank for the victory. He was on the lines all the way and did not make a mistake in a single running play. Then, in the ninth inning, when young Caldwell weakened perceptibly, hits by Hogan and Stephens and a base on balls to Wallace netting a full house, without any demerits, Hemphill came racing off from the Highlanders' rathskeller and held a confab with Caldwell and Hiall. He knew the young twirler was weakening, but got him to admit it, also Hiall to speak likewise.

Hemphill had Quinn and Brockett ready, and took Duke Farrell's tip that Quinn had the more stuff. So to the firing line went the Pole. His windup was one of the games ever seen on a ball field. He made Myers, the young first baseman Rhody Wallace secured a lead in a slump, and then sent Red Sox send out a weak fly to Daniels in short center. Then he fanned out the slugging Dode Criss, and that after the big fellow fouled off with a three and two count. It was a wide curve, accompanied by a lot of speed, Quinn served up. Then young Shotton ended matters by rolling to Johnson, who tagged second before Danny Hoffman, running for Wallace, came along.

25 Elimination Bouts In Big International Boxing Tournament

World's Best Amateurs Will Take Part in Pastime A. C. Show To-Night.

NOT since the palmy days of the Horton law has Madison Square Garden seen such boxing as is bound to take place tonight, when the preliminaries of the big international tournament under the auspices of the Pastime A. C. will be held.

Twenty-five elimination bouts are carded, and stars from England, Canada and many cities in this country will participate in them. Each bout will be of three rounds' duration, with the referee having the privilege of ordering an extra round, if necessary, in order to render a decision.

The finals will be held to-morrow night at the same place.

Among the local stars who will compete are Frank Hufnagle, the 135-pound national champion; Philip Cook of the

Umpires Having Their Troubles These Days

Old-Time Player Jack Doyle Busy Dodging Missiles in Philadelphia.

PRESIDENT THOMAS J. LYNCH of the National Association may soon have a busy dodging time until he reached the subway under the Phillies' bench, having been on a record run all of the time to save his scalp.

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Jack Goodman, the west side champion, and Young Ahearn, the English lightweight with the local reputation, battle for ten rounds at the best stage of the Twentieth Century A. C. stage. Goodman is a local favorite, and Ahearn is a well known name in the ring. They will make 160 pounds at the ribcage.

Champion Johnny Cotton, who fights Johnny Daily, the local lightweight, a ten-round bout before the National A. C. of Port Jervis, Ind., on May 25, has been signed up for another fight by his father, John, who is his manager. The bout will be with Patrice Hennessy of Pittsburgh for twelve rounds at a show to take place at Yonkers, N. Y., on May 26.

"Cyclone John" Thompson, the middleweight of St. Louis, Ill., who got a decision over Billy Donovan, the former English midweight, at the best stage of the Twentieth Century A. C. stage, is now coming forward with a statement to the effect that if he is offered a purse of \$10,000 he will meet Sam Langford in a ten-round bout, providing Langford makes 160 pounds at the ribcage.

Jimmy Clabby, the crack Milwaukee fighter, will engage in his first battle in this country before the National A. C. of Port Jervis, Ind., on May 25, with Mike Robinson, the Western welterweight, in a ten-round bout before the National A. C. at Cincinnati.

Eastern League Standing:

Club	W.	L.	Club	W.	L.
Baltimore	29	4	St. Louis	18	14
Boston	27	6	St. Paul	17	15
Brooklyn	26	7	Washington	16	16
Chicago	25	8	Philadelphia	15	17
Cleveland	24	9	Pittsburgh	14	18
Detroit	23	10	Rochester	13	19
Indianapolis	22	11	Syracuse	12	20
Kansas City	21	12	Wichita	11	21
Memphis	20	13	Yonkers	10	22
Milwaukee	19	14			

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